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To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency;  
Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2850

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER POLITICAL  
2 SUBDIVISIONS FROM REQUIRING ANTI-COVID VACCINES OR FACE COVERINGS;  
3 TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON'S VACCINATION STATUS;  
4 TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
5 SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PERSON TO RECEIVE AN ANTI-COVID VACCINE OR TO  
6 WEAR A FACE COVERING; TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO WHAT SHALL BE  
7 CONSIDERED AN UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a  
11 school district or other political subdivision shall not require a  
12 person to receive any anti-Covid vaccine or to mandate any face  
13 covering requirement.

14 (2) This section shall not apply to:

15 (a) Vaccination requirements set forth for schools  
16 pursuant to Sections 41-23-37 and 43-20-8;

17 (b) A facility operated by the Department or  
18 Corrections or the Division of Youth Services of the Department of  
19 Human Services; or

20 (c) A state-owned or state-controlled healthcare  
21 facility.



22 (3) It shall not be considered an unlawful discriminatory  
23 practice for a school district or other political subdivision to  
24 implement reasonable accommodation measures for employees,  
25 patients, visitors and other persons who are not vaccinated or not  
26 immune to protect the safety and health of employees, patients,  
27 visitors and other persons from communicable diseases.

28 (4) Except as provided in this section, it is an unlawful  
29 discriminatory practice for:

30 (a) A school district or other political subdivision to  
31 refuse, withhold from or deny a person any local or state  
32 services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing,  
33 educational opportunities, health care access or employment  
34 opportunities based on the person's vaccination status or failure  
35 or refusal to wear a face covering;

36 (b) A school district or other political subdivision to  
37 refuse employment to a person, to bar a person from employment, or  
38 to discriminate against a person in compensation or in a term,  
39 condition, or privilege of employment based on the person's  
40 vaccination status or failure or refusal to wear a face covering;  
41 or

42 (c) A public accommodation operated by a school  
43 district or other political subdivision to exclude, limit,  
44 segregate, refuse to serve or otherwise discriminate against a  
45 person based on the person's vaccination status or failure or  
46 refusal to wear a face covering.



47           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
48 and after July 1, 2022.

